IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (New): A cyclic peptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18.

Claim 30 (New): The cyclic peptide of claim 29, which consists of SEQ ID NO: 18.

Claim 31 (New): The cyclic peptide of claim 30, wherein the side chain of the cysteine residue at position 1 of SEQ ID NO: 18 is covalently attached to the side chain residue of the cysteine at position 11 via a disulfide bond.

Claim 32 (New): A composition comprising the cyclic peptide of claim 29 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 33 (New): A peptide complex comprising several cyclic peptides, each comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18, linked by covalent or non-covalent bonds.

Claim 34 (New): A composition comprising the cyclic peptide complex of claim 33 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 35 (New): A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition, comprising combining the cyclic peptide of claim 29 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier to form the pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 36 (New): A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition, comprising combining the peptide complex of claim 33 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier to form the composition.

Claim 37 (New): A method of treating a pathological condition in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering the composition of claim 34 to the subject in need thereof in an amount sufficient to treat the pathological condition, wherein the pathological condition is selected from the group consisting of neurodegenerative diseases, brain and spine lesions, and age related learning memory problems.

Claim 38 (New): A method of treating or preventing a pathological condition in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering the composition of claim 32 to the subject in need thereof in an amount sufficient to treat the pathological condition, wherein the pathological condition is selected from the group consisting of neurodegenerative diseases, brain and spine lesions, and age related learning and memory problems.